# MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team Draft Potential Guidelines for Sharing Information about Tribal Activities as Developed by the Master Plan Science Advisory Team Tribal Work Group Revised March 16, 2010

Status: The SAT Tribal Work Group developed this draft document to begin a discussion about integrating information about tribal activities into SAT evaluations. The SAT Tribal Work Group received feedback from California tribes and tribal communities during two in-person meetings and will continue to reach out to north coast tribes and tribal communities during public meetings hosted by the MLPA Initiative and through continued dialog. The SAT Tribal Work Group will distribute this draft to other members of the SAT, while also inviting tribes, tribal communities and other knowledge holders to share ideas and feedback about the draft concepts presented here. This draft document will be the focus of a discussion on March 17 at the SAT meeting and, with any feedback provided in the coming months, the SAT discussion on this topic will continue during the May 12 SAT meeting (to be held via webinar and teleconference.

# **Background**

The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT) is working to bring the best available scientific information to the MLPA Initiative for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (NCSR). Scientific information is used to help guide design of marine protected areas (MPAs) and evaluate potential ecological and socioeconomic effects of the proposed MPAs. Information about biology, geology, ecology, oceanography, and areas of importance to commercial and recreational fisheries already has been assembled by the SAT, staff, and contractors and can be viewed using MarineMap (<a href="http://northcoast.marinemap.org">http://northcoast.marinemap.org</a>). Additional data may be submitted through an external data protocol (<a href="http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/publicinvolvement\_n.asp">http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/publicinvolvement\_n.asp</a>).

Tribal activities are integral to the NCSR, and tribes and tribal communities and these activities will play an important role in shaping proposed MPAs for this region. However, there has been limited formal scientific documentation of tribal activities in the north coast. The MLPA Initiative offers several opportunities to integrate knowledge about tribes and tribal communities and activities:

- A special appendix in the north coast regional profile will focus on tribes and tribal communities.
- The MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG) includes seven representatives from north coast tribes.
- The SAT formed a tribal work group to review available information on tribes and tribal
  activities and consider how to integrate the information into the scientific evaluations of
  proposed MPAs. The SAT Tribal Work Group also engages directly with tribes and tribal
  communities to promote dialog and understanding.

The SAT would like to invite members of tribes and tribal communities and other knowledge holders to share additional information about tribal activities to help inform the design and evaluation of proposed MPAs for the north coast study region.

A number of types of information would contribute greatly to understanding tribal activities in the NCSR and could be integrated into the SAT's evaluations of proposed MPAs. Some information on these topics would be useful, even if not all details are known. Some indication of geographic extent of tribal activities also would be useful because MPAs are a spatial form of management tied to the specific geography of the NCSR.

Information about tribal activities may be shared through a variety of paths, including:

- 1. SAT Tribal Work Group meetings (announced on the SAT Tribal Work Group listserv)
- 2. SAT Tribal Work Group members: Karina Nielsen, Astrid Scholz, Steven Morgan, Dave Hankin, and Kevin Fleming
- 3. SAT Tribal Work Group listserv (MLPA\_TribalSAT@lists.resources.ca.gov)
- 4. MLPA staff (Satie Airamé, airame@msi.ucsb.edu or 805-893-3387)
- 5. Graduate students who are helping to support this effort: Micah Effron, Jeannine Manna, Andrea Robertson, Billie Jo Stevens, Miho Umezawa and Holly Wyer.

Please note that you may specify the level of confidentiality of any information you may provide (see below). Feel free to attach additional pages and maps, if needed.

#### Information about Tribal Activities

These questions, among others, could be used to guide input to the SAT through direct communication with SAT members, staff and graduate students working on this process (for example, through conversations or interviews) or written communication (for example by mail, email or the SAT tribal work group listserv). Important information about tribal activities includes the following topics, among others:

- 1. What activities are important to you as an individual member of a tribe, tribal family, or tribal community?
- 2. Are these ceremonial, cultural, subsistence, or other types of activities?
- 3. Are there particular areas of importance where these activities occur in the north coast study region? If so, could these areas be identified on the attached maps?
- 4. Which species of intertidal and/or marine plants and animals, and what minerals and/or other natural resources are used as part of these activities?
- 5. What is the method of harvesting or gathering the natural resources? (Specific information about the harvest methods, including gear types, would be helpful.)
- 6. How many people are involved in harvesting or gathering the natural resource?
- 7. How often does the activity occur? If the activity is seasonal, when does the activity occur?
- 8. How much of the natural resource is harvested or gathered at any given time?

- 9. Does a tribal council or governing body provide guidance about the management of the natural resource? If so, please include a short description of the tribal management approaches.
- 10. Please feel free to share any additional important information about these activities.

## **Demographic Information**

In addition to information about the activities, it may be important to document some information about the tribes and tribal communities engaged in the activities. Important knowledge about the tribes and tribal communities includes the following topics, among others:

- 1. What is the name of the tribe or tribal community? If a tribe, is this tribe recognized by the federal and/or state government?
- 2. Does the information about tribal activities (shared above) represent an individual, family or tribal community? If the information represents a tribal community, did a tribal council or governing body review the information?

## **Data Sharing Policy**

Data on tribal activities may be confidential or it may be shared with members of the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT), Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF), North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG), as well as to the MLPA Initiative staff, California Department of Fish and Game staff, California Department of Parks and Recreation staff, contractors and the public for purposes of MPA planning, design, and/or evaluation. Please identify the groups with which you would like to share your data on tribal activities. (Please select all that apply. If the data are confidential, an agreement may be developed to protect the confidentiality of the data, while still contributing to the scientific evaluations.)

I would like to share my knowledge on tribal activities with the following groups:

\_\_\_\_Independent contractor

\_\_\_\_MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

\_\_\_\_MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (primarily for design of MPAs)

\_\_\_\_MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (primarily for evaluation of proposed MPAs)

\_\_\_\_MLPA Initiative staff

\_\_\_\_California Department of Fish and Game staff

\_\_\_\_California Department of Parks and Recreation staff

\_\_\_\_Public (via Marine Map and the MLPA website)

All of the above		
None of the above; other:		

### **Contact Information**

Your contact information is optional, but would be helpful in case the SAT Tribal Work Group members would like to follow up with you to discuss and clarify the knowledge you have shared with them. If you would like to share your contact information, please include your name and tribal affiliation, and let us know how best to reach you (for example, by phone, email, or mailing address).

# **Opportunities to Share Information**

Data on tribal activities would be informative throughout the MPA design and evaluation process in the NCSR. A timeline of meetings and key milestones of the MLPA Initiative includes:

March 24-25, 2101	North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group meeting	
April 20-21, 2010	North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group work session	
May 3-4, 2010	Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting	
May 12, 2010	Master Plan Science Advisory Team teleconference/webinar	
May 19, 2010	North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group work session	
May 20, 2010	Regional Stakeholder Group meeting	
June 29-30, 2010	Master Plan Science Advisory Team meeting (Evaluation of Round 2 MPA	
	Proposals, deadline for submitting data is May 15, 2010.)	
July 21-22, 2010	Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting	
July 28, 2010	Master Plan Science Advisory Team teleconference/webinar	
July 29, 2010	North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group meeting	
July 30, 2010	North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group work session	
August 30, 2010	North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group work session	

August 31, 1010 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group meeting

October 13-14, 2010 Master Plan Science Advisory Team meeting (Evaluation of Round 3 MPA

Proposals, deadline for submitting data is September 1, 2010.)

October 26-28, 2010 Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting

November 17, 2010 Master Plan Science Advisory Team teleconference/webinar

December 1, 2010 Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting

Thank you so much for your input to the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative.

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